

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3568 - HB 3782

March 16, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes non-resident, sole or bona fide landowners of property in the state to hunt on such property within the appropriate seasons without a license. Such landowners are required to submit a sworn statement attesting to the exempt status and are further required to provide a description of the land and name of the owner when requested by an officer of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) or upon presenting any game to a check station. Requires the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) to prepare a preprinted form for the submission of such statements. Any individual submitting false information on such statement commits a Class C misdemeanor offense, punishable by fine only of \$500.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue - \$133,200/Wildlife Resources Fund

Assumptions:

- A number of nonresident hunters will no longer purchase a hunting license.
- In FY10-11, there were 16,331 adult nonresident license buyers in Tennessee.
- According to TWRA, this proposed legislation will result in 5 percent, or 817, nonresident licensees no longer purchasing a hunting license.
- In FY10-11, there were 1,503 Small Game/Waterfowl hunting licenses for total revenue of \$136,773; there were 4,672 7-Day Small Game/Waterfowl hunting licenses for total revenue of \$235,936; there were 6,635 Annual All-Game hunting licenses for total revenue of \$1,665,385; and there were 3,521 7-Day All-Game hunting licenses for total revenue of \$617,936.
- The weighted average cost of these licenses is \$163 $[(\$136,773 + \$235,936 + \$1,665,385 + \$617,936) / (1,503 + 4,672 + 6,635 + 3,521)]$.
- The recurring decrease in state revenue to the Wildlife Resources Fund is estimated to be \$133,171 (817 licenses x \$163).
- Any cost incurred by WRC to prepare a preprinted form will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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